

Introduction

The Maryland Medical Assistance Program (MA or the Program), the Maryland Children's Health Program (MCHP), and the Maryland Pharmacy Assistance Program (MPAP) provide access to a broad range of health care services for eligible low income Maryland residents. The Medical Assistance Program and MCHP operate in accordance with federal and State law and receive funding from both the federal and State governments. The MPAP receives its funding from the State.

The Medical Assistance Program derives its statutory authority from Title XIX of the Social Security Act and Title 15 of the Health-General Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland. The Program marked its thirty-fifth full year of operation in fiscal year 2001. In July 1998 the Maryland Children's Health Program (MCHP), authorized under Title 21 of the Social Security Act, began enrolling low-income children under age 19 into the HealthChoice Program. This is the third year of operation for MCHP. The Maryland Pharmacy Assistance Program (MPAP) completed its twenty-second full year of operation in fiscal year 2001. This program was established by the General Assembly in 1978 and was supported entirely by State funds in fiscal year 2001. MPAP assists low income individuals who are not eligible for full Medical Assistance benefits in paying for prescriptions, insulin, and certain medical supplies.

During fiscal year 2001, the Program provided health care coverage to a monthly average of 590,253 people including MA, MCHP and MPAP, 11.1% of the State's population. Program eligibles received services from approximately 22,000 participating health care providers. Expenditures of \$3.3 billion were made on behalf of recipients. Approximately \$57.6 million was spent on the Pharmacy Assistance Program during the year to assist a monthly average of 38,000 on MPAP.

This report describes the people served and the services provided under the Medical Assistance Program and the Pharmacy Assistance Program during fiscal year 2001 (July 1, 2000 through June 30, 2001). The narrative section provides information on enrollment, providers, service payments, management controls, and current trends. Following the narrative are statistical tables on enrollment and service payments during fiscal year 2001.